

REMARKS

Claims 8-15, 17-18, 38-39, 41, 44-49, 52, 55-58, 67, and 71-86 are pending, with claims 8, 14, 46, 67, 71, 76, 81, and 84 being independent. Claims 8-15, 17-18, 38-39, 41, 44-49, 52, 55-58, 67, and 71-84 were allowed in the Notice of Allowance mailed July 10, 2009.

Upon review of the allowed claims and the Examiner's amendment, applicants' representative contacted the Examiner concerning canceled dependent claims 42 and 43. Claims 42 and 43 were dependent upon an allowed generic claim 8. Therefore, as applicants' representative discussed with the Examiner, pursuant to MPEP 809 and/or 821.04(a), dependent claims 42 and 43 were candidates for rejoinder with the remaining allowed claims.

Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, applicants have added new claims 85 and 86, which contain the same subject matter of previously-pending claims 42 and 43, and therefore, applicants respectfully submit that claims 85 and 86 are in condition for allowance.

The proposed amendments do not introduce new matter, will not require an additional search, and do not raise new issues. Applicants accordingly request the timely entry of the foregoing amendments.

In order to avoid abandonment of the instant application, applicants are submitting concurrently herewith the issue fee and publication fee. Applicants respectfully request that the payment of the issue and publication fees be noted on the subsequent notice of allowance for the instant application.


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No fees are believed due. Nonetheless, please apply any charges or credits to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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